I HATE THIS— THIS IS REALLY TERRIBLE!!
WE WERE ATTACKED BY SOME OTHER REINCARNATOR IN YESTERDAY'S SKIRMISH!! IT REALLY WAS TERRIBLE!!
AND IT WAS SO CLOSE!! I ALMOST BECAME APPLE JUICE!!
LOOK!! I GOT SLICED HERE!!
A STRONG ENEMY OF THE "GATHERING OF THE GREATS".
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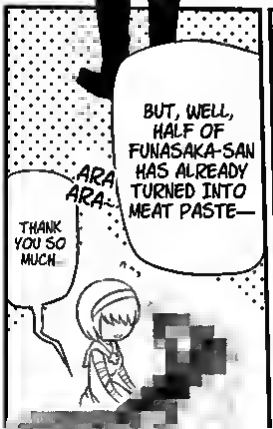
Petals of Reincarnation
小西幹久
8TH REINCARNATION: THE WIELDER OF THE EYE WITH TWO PUPILS

AN ORGANIZATION MADE UP OF REINCARNATORS LIKE US HAS APPEARED... THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN?
KIND OF LIKE A COMPANION SORT OF FEELING.


BUT, WELL, HALF OF FUNASAKA-SAN HAS ALREADY TURNED INTO MEAT PASTE—
ARA ARA...
THANK YOU SO MUCH.

YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST STAYED THERE AND BECOME APPLE JUICE.
SO MEAN!!
I AT THE VERY LEAST WANT TO BECOME JAM!!

YESTER-DAY... HUH...
THIS, IS THE MOMENT THAT WE NEED TO CHECK THE TERMINAL TO UNDERSTAND THINGS A BIT. WHAT SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS DO THEY HAVE FOR THEIR APPEARANCES AND TALENT?
HM...? IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT'S EASY TO DESCRIBE WITH WORDS AT ALL. IT LOOKS LIKE BLACK SMOKE...
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AND IT SEEMS TO KNOW US..
PICASSO, WHAT IS IT?
THERE'S A PAINTING. COME AND SEE.
HOW ABOUT WE ASK HAITO -SAN TO...
ERM-
HURRY.
LOOK.
WHICH IS WHY..
YOU LOOK FIRST.
COMPARED TO THAT..
WHAT A UNIQUE FACE...
WE'RE IN A MEETING RIGHT NOW. WAIT UNTIL IT'S OVER AND..

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HAITO -SAN?
WHAT IS IT? FEELING ILL?
HM, AHH IT'S ALRIGHT !!
JUST THINKING ABOUT STUFF!!
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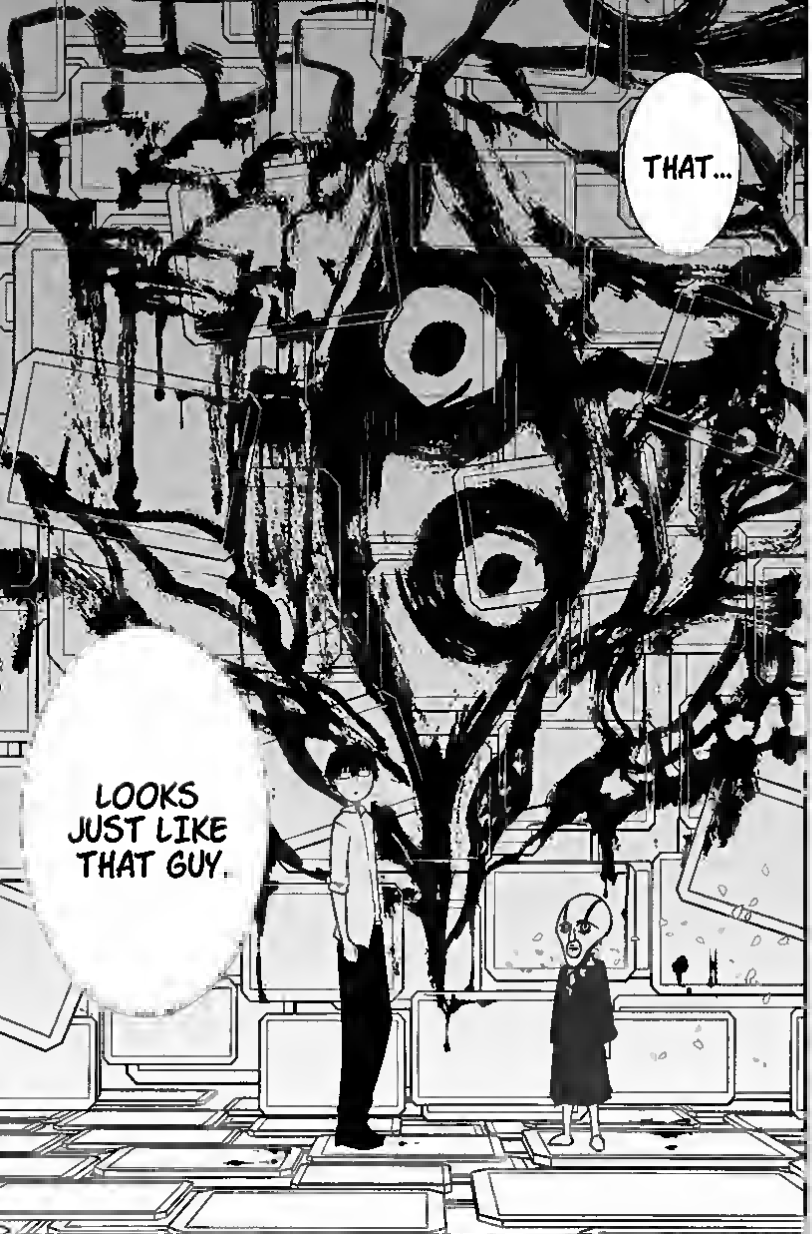
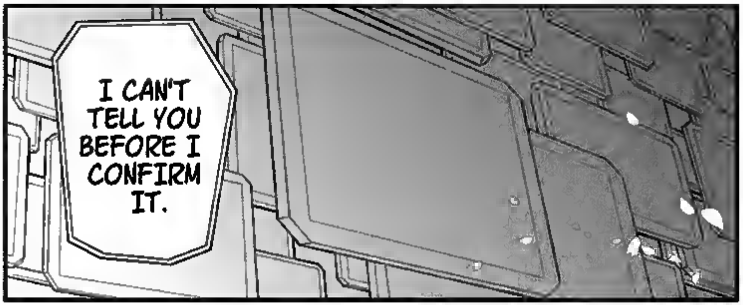
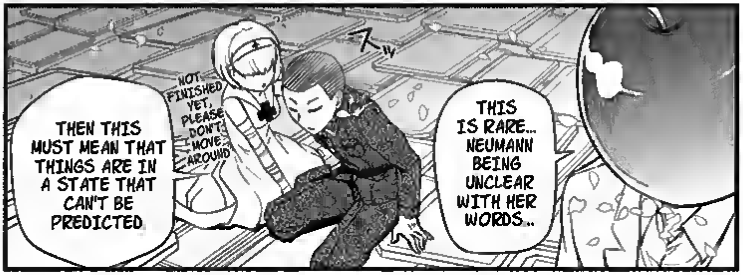
AND NOW, IF I JUST SLOWLY...
SHE DID RECIEVE QUITE A SHOCK TO BOTH HER BODY AND MIND
IS IT YESTERDAY'S STUFF?
PICA...
HURRY. LOOK.
YAY.
THAT.
BUT THAT PAINTING DOESN'T DEPICT ME, WHO INEVITABLY HAS TO CLEAN THIS WHOLE THING UP, RIGHT?
OHH— THAT'S A GRAND WORK YOU'VE GOT THERE!!
AS EXPECTED OF PICASSO!!
REFLECT.
MOP
YOU GUYS CONTINUE
NEUMANN I'M STEPPING OUT FOR A SECOND.
PICASSO'S DRAWING!!
AH...
PICASSO'S THOUGHTS HUH...
HM. AHH.


THAT...
LOOKS JUST LIKE THAT GUY.

SILENCE...
NEUMANN? EINSTEIN?
ERM, WHAT IS IT?
NO... IT'S NOTHING.
IS THAT THING?
WHAT...
WE ARE ALL TARGETS NOW.
IF YOU KNOW SOMETHING THEN PLEASE TELL US.


I CAN'T TELL YOU BEFORE I CONFIRM IT.


THEN THIS MUST MEAN THAT THINGS ARE IN A STATE THAT CAN'T BE PREDICTED
NOT FINISHED YET, PLEASE DON'T MOVE AROUND
THIS IS RARE... NEUMANN BEING UNCLEAR WITH HER WORDS...

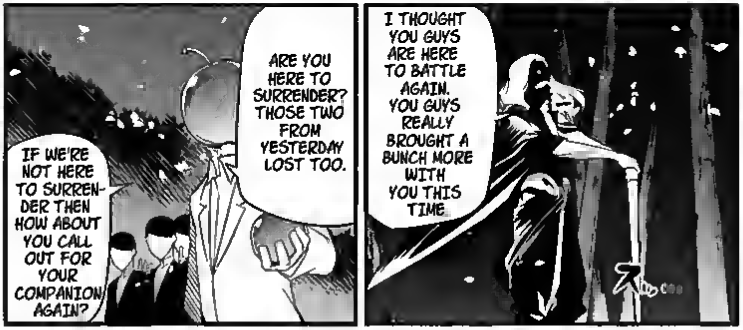
THE SKIRMISH MISSIONS UP UNTIL NOW HAVE BEEN AGAINST OUR SUPPOSEDLY "COMPANIONS", AND WE EXTERMINATE THEM AS ENEMIES
AND IT'S COMPETELY POSSIBLE FOR AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF REINCARNATORS OF UNKNOWN TALENTS TO BUTT IN
..STILL, EVEN IF SHE CAN'T TELL US WHAT IT IS, SHE SHOULD STILL BE ABLE TO TELL US HOW TO DEAL WITH IT RIGHT?

SHALL DEPLOY A LARGE AMOUNT OF UNITS.
THIS TIME, FOR THE SKIRMISH MISSION, THE GATHERING OF THE GREATS.
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT WE DESTROY THEM

IF ONLY THERE WEREN'T ANY EVIL TALENTS...

WE DO THIS FOR OUR BELIEFS.
VLAD THE THIRD

"GATHERING OF THE GREATS" IS IT?


ARE YOU HERE TO SURRENDER? THOSE TWO FROM YESTERDAY LOST TOO.
IF WE'RE NOT HERE TO SURRENDER THEN HOW ABOUT YOU CALL OUT FOR YOUR COMPANION AGAIN?
I THOUGHT YOU GUYS ARE HERE TO BATTLE AGAIN. YOU GUYS REALLY BROUGHT A BUNCH MORE WITH YOU THIS TIME.

TALENT
IF YOU DON'T HAVE THOSE SPECIAL TYPES OF AMBUSH TACTICS, THEN...
WHY WOULD I POSSIBLY DO THAT?

LORD IMPALER
IT'S ENOUGH FOR ME TO HANDLE ALONE!!

IF FOUR WERE KILLED...
THEN...
LET'S ADD SIX MORE!!
TALENT
REPLI-CATOR
LITTLE TRICKS!!
IT'S USELESS EVEN IF YOU HAD TENS OR HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE!!

BEEP.

SO WE SPLIT OUR UNITS INTO THREE GROUPS.
THE PURPOSE FOR DEPLOYING A LARGE AMOUNT OF UNITS IS TO DEAL WITH THE "IMPACT" OF THE UNKNOWN REINCARNATOR.
AT THE SAME TIME, THEY CAN'T FORGET TO SUPPORT THE VANGUARD.
THE "REARGUARD" WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR STAYING ALERT AND DEALING WITH THE UNKNOWN REINCARNATOR.
COPY.
UNDER-STOOD !!
THE "VANGUARD" IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENGAGING THE TARGET OF ELIMINATION IN A SEESAW BATTLE
HOWEVER, THE DURATION OF THIS BATTLE WILL ONLY BE 10 MINUTES THEN WE USE OUR SIDE'S ABILITIES TO ANALYZE.

AND THEN THERE IS THE "RECON UNIT".
IT NEEDS TO TELL ME THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION AROUND THE ELIMINATION TARGET.
THE INFORMATION I ACQUIRE WILL ALLOW MY PREDICTIONS TO BE EVEN MORE ACCURATE.
...EH? IT'S JUST ME?
NEED TO RECON WELL OKAY? NON-COMBATANT...
STOP! DON'T SAY THOSE THINGS THAT WILL LOWER OUR MORALE! I FORBID YOU TO SPEAK!!
I UNDERSTAND. I WILL BE HIDDEN LIKE A SHADOW! I WILL DO MY BEST!!
WE ARE OK HERE AS WELL?!
ARIZONA !!*
*A TYPE OF APPLE
SHOW SOME OF YOUR AMBITION!! YOU GOT THIS!!
I WILL BE MODERATE.
YOU WENT TOO FAR WITH THAT.

TOYA...
WE CONFESSED TO EACH OTHER ABOUT THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO US IN THE PAST...
I THOUGHT I HAD FOUND A COMPANION.
BUT ALL OF THE SUDDEN, I FEEL AS THOUGH I DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM ANYMORE.

EVEN I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO KEEP MY CALM IF I WAS IN HIS PLACE.
AND HE KEEPS GETTING INSULTED BY HIS OWN COMPANIONS FOR THAT TALENT HE WENT THROUGH SO MUCH TO ACQUIRE...

HE'S ALWAYS BEEN TREATED AS FODDER...

I THOUGHT HE WAS SOMEBODY WITH A BIT MORE AMBITION THAN THIS—
AM I EXPECTING TOO MUCH OF HIM...?

...YES. CONCEN-TRATE.
HEY— MUSASHI. WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A BATTLE HERE.

KU...!!

DON'T BE SO HASTY.

ALRIGHT. I SHOULD JUST DO MY BEST AND ATTACK!!
BEEP
CAN'T GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO ENGAGE IN A SEESAW BATTLE...
DEFENSIVE BATTLES REALLY DON'T SUIT ME...
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CURRENTLY ANALYZING VLAD'S TALENT.
...EH
EVERYTHING IS FINE AS LONG AS WE HAVE A TARGET.

HE'S LIKE A SNAKE HIDING WITHIN THE BUSHES.
HE SEEMS TO BE STAYING AT A CERTAIN LOCATION...
AND WAITING.
IS HE WAITING FOR HIS CHANCE TO STRIKE? THIS IS A GOOD STRATEGY.
THESE "IMPALES" THAT ARE ABLE TO EXTEND WITHOUT LIMIT-
HAVING TO CONSTANTLY EVADE THEM IS ALSO VERY DIFFICULT...
EVEN THOUGH TALKING ABOUT IT SEEMS EASY...

THIS REALLY IS QUITE A PREDI-CAMENT!!
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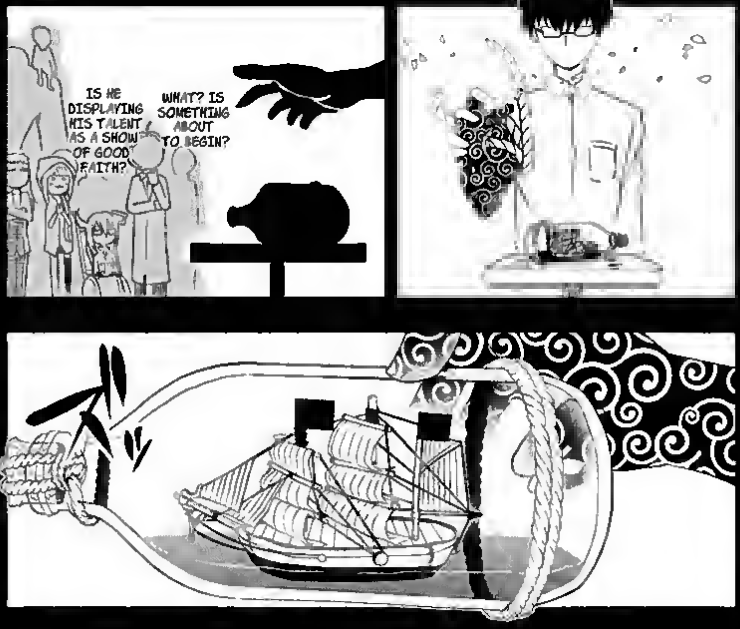
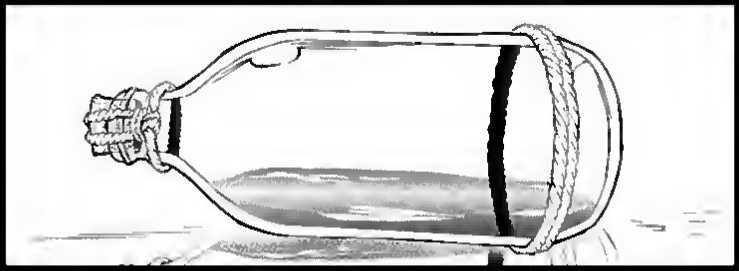
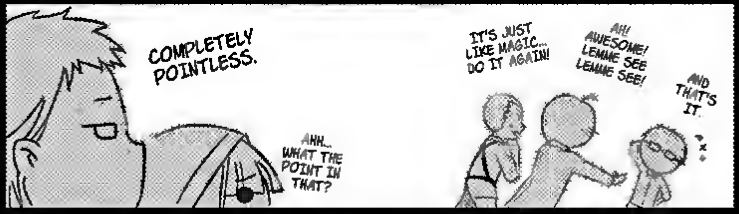
AND NOW IT'S A CONTEST OF ENDURANCE...
...NO THESE GUYS MIGHT KNOW SOME-THING...
WAS I OVER-WORRIED ABOUT ALL THIS?
EVEN IF THEY MANAGE TO FLY IN, MY IMPALES WILL STILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THEM.
AS LONG AS I DEFEND THIS PLACE THEN THEY WILL NEVER ENTER HERE.
THEY KEEP WEAVING AROUND FRANTICALLY ON THE FRINGES...

ARM ?!
FOOLISHNESS, THAT THING BEHIND ME IS A WALL...
THAT HAND...

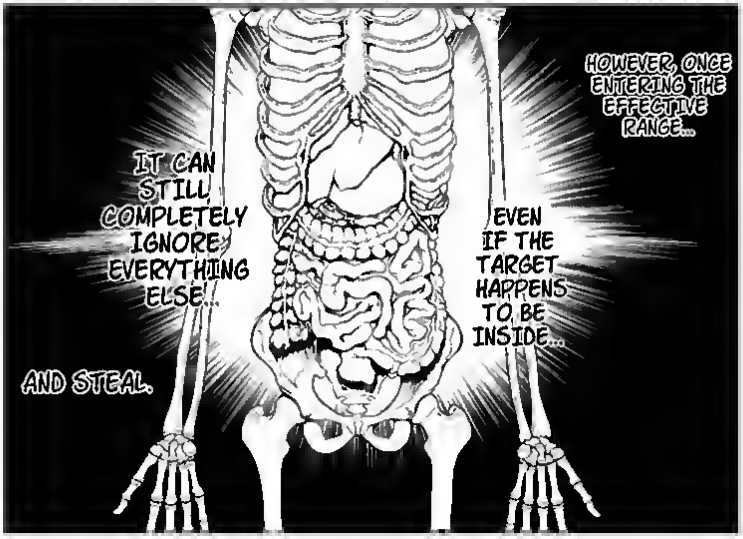
TOYA'S "RIGHT ARM OF THE THIEF"

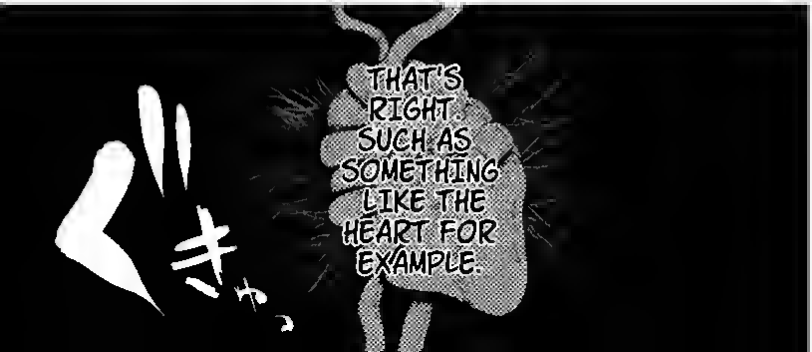





COMPLETELY POINTLESS.
AHH... WHAT THE POINT IN THAT?
IT'S JUST LIKE MAGIC... DO IT AGAIN!
AH! AWESOME! LEMME SEE LEMME SEE!
AND THAT'S IT.

RANGE IS THE LENGTH OF THE RIGHT ARM, ABOUT 70 CM.
COMPETELY WITHOUT ANY EXTRA COMBAT ABILITY.
BUT USING IT FOR PRANKS IS LETHAL.
THE "RIGHT ARM OF THE THIEF" IS A THIEVING TALENT THAT IGNORES ALL OUTSIDE INFLUENCES IN ORDER TO STEAL.


HOWEVER, ONCE ENTERING THE EFFECTIVE RANGE...
IT CAN STILL COMPLETELY IGNORE EVERYTHING ELSE...
EVEN IF THE TARGET HAPPENS TO BE INSIDE...
AND STEAL.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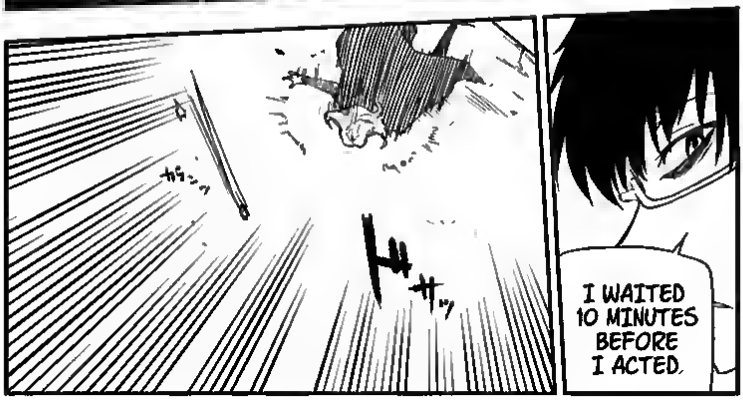
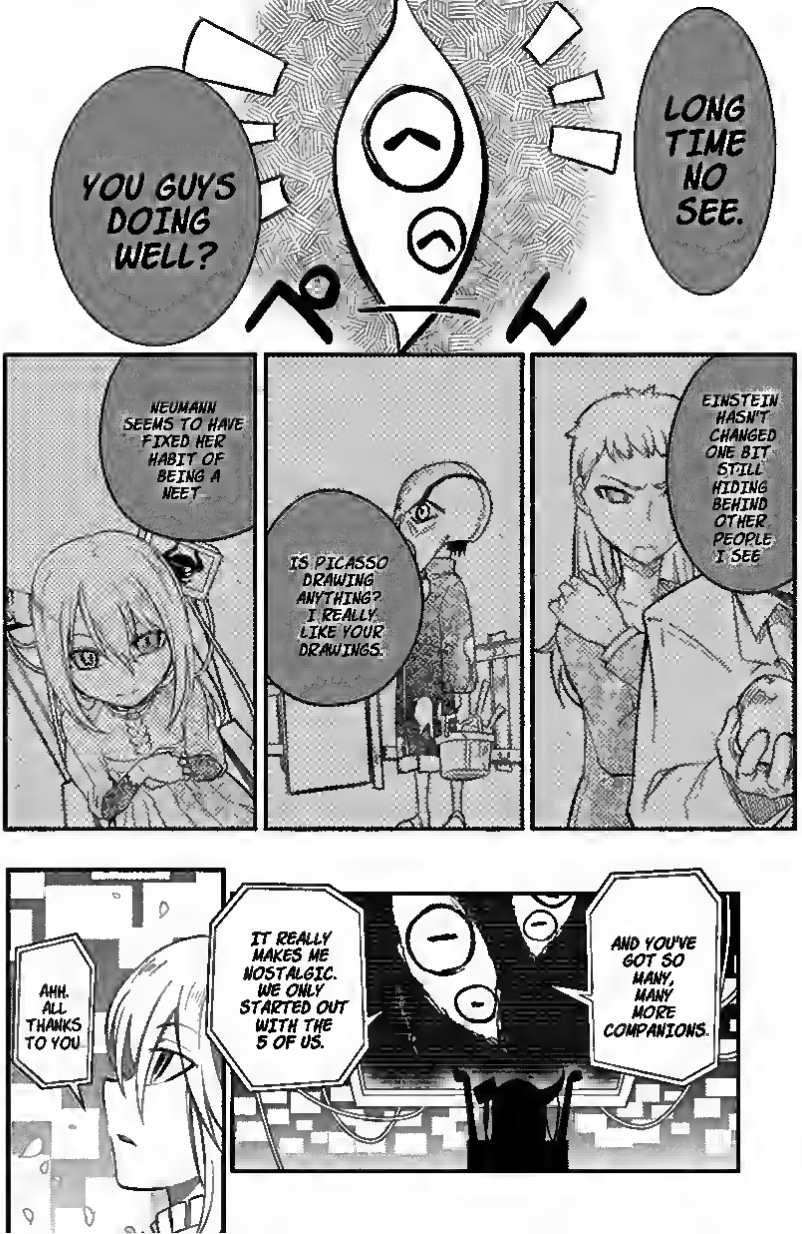
THAT'S RIGHT. SUCH AS SOMETHING LIKE THE HEART FOR EXAMPLE.


I WAITED 10 MINUTES BEFORE I ACTED.

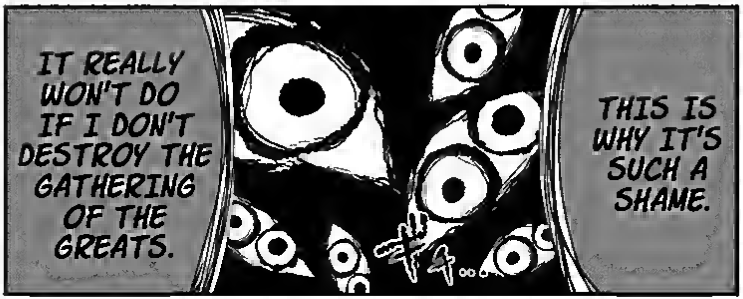
THAT REALLY WAS AN IMPRESSIVE ROBBERY.
I'VE CHANGED MY OPINION ABOUT HIM
HE SEEMS TO HAVE GOT SOMETHING JUICY~
BUT THAT REALLY WAS QUITE IMPRESSIVE.
WITH THAT SORT OF A TALENT...
HE KILLED HIM?!
VLAD IS STILL ALIVE.
FU-KU-KU...
DON'T APPROACH HIM CARELESSLY.
!!

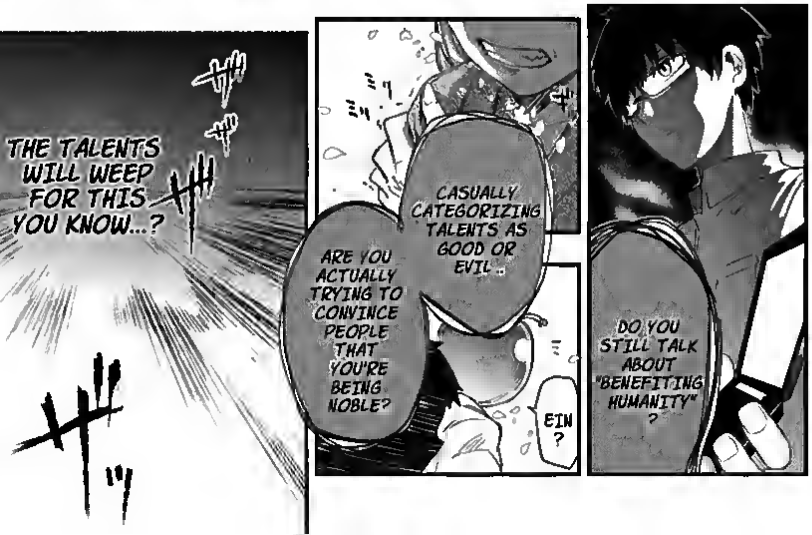
AHH ~!!
.....
YOU LETTING GO OF THIS CHANCE TO KILL ME REALLY IS THE STUPIDEST DECISION AS STUPID DECISIONS GO.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE STILL NOT USED TO USING YOUR ABILITY.
SERI-OUSLY...
YOU'RE STILL A NEWBIE AS A REIN-CARNATOR.
.....
THAT'S...
EXE-CUTION TIME...
I'LL LET YOU ALL EXPERIENCE MY "IMPALES" FIRST.

TOYA!!
YOU CAN'T!! YOU NEED TO READ THE SITU-ATION!!
REARGUARD, MOVE FORWARD.
COPY.
IT'S HERE!! THAT'S THE THING!!
I WON'T KILL YOU IF YOU STAY QUIET AND STILL.
BUT...
STAND. DOWN.
.....
UNDER-STOOD!
MY KING!!
TEPES, STAND DOWN.
BEING ABLE TO SEE YOU TWICE IS...


LONG TIME NO SEE.
YOU GUYS DOING WELL?
EINSTEIN HASN'T CHANGED ONE BIT STILL HIDING BEHIND OTHER PEOPLE I SEE
IS PICASSO DRAWING ANYTHING? I REALLY LIKE YOUR DRAWINGS.
NEUMANN SEEMS TO HAVE FIXED HER HABIT OF BEING A NEET
AND YOU'VE GOT SO MANY, MANY MORE COMPANIONS.
IT REALLY MAKES ME NOSTALGIC. WE ONLY STARTED OUT WITH THE 5 OF US.
AHH. ALL THANKS TO YOU.

HE'S A MEMBER OF THE GATHERING OF THE GREATS RIGHT~?
HAVEN'T SEEN HIM BEFORE.
IT'S LOOKIN' OVER HERE. SO STRANGE.
EVEN THOUGH THERE ISN'T ANY KILLING INTENT...
PICASSO IS C'MING. \(^o^)/
JUST LIKE AN ACQUAIN-TANCE.
HE REALLY DOES SOUND VERY FAMILIAR WITH US.


IT REALLY WON'T DO IF I DON'T DESTROY THE GATHERING OF THE GREATS.
THIS IS WHY IT'S SUCH A SHAME.


THE TALENTS WILL WEEP FOR THIS YOU KNOW...?
ARE YOU ACTUALLY TRYING TO CONVINCE PEOPLE THAT YOU'RE BEING NOBLE?
CASUALLY CATEGORIZING TALENTS AS GOOD OR EVIL.
EIN?
DO YOU STILL TALK ABOUT "BENEFITING HUMANITY"?

TALENTS ARE THINGS WITH SO MUCH MORE FREEDOM TO THEM.

I'LL BE GOING NOW. I'M RIGHT THERE BESIDE YOU GUYS.
DON'T WORRY.
MY KING... IF YOU PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD...
AHH. I KNOW.
YAHAH! KILL THEM ALL!
WE'RE RETREATING, STUPID.
EH..
REIN-FORCE-MENTS?!
AND THIS TIME, I SHALL BE THE ONE DOING THE RELEASING...
DISAPPEARED... AN ABILITY SIMILAR TO EINSTEIN'S?
NEUMANN... THAT GUY JUST NOW...

PUPULA DUPLEX* IS THE TESTAMENT OF THE KING.

*PUPULA DUPLEX: TWO PUPILS IN ONE EYE.

HE IS KOUU, THE TYRANT KING.

THE REINCARNATOR THAT WIELDS THE APEX TALENT OF COMBAT.

AND ALSO, ONE OF THE COMPANIONS THAT CREATED THE "GATHERING OF THE GREATS" ONCE A UPON A TIME.

THE LEADER, IS A COMPANION THAT WENT ON A DIFFERENT PATH.
THE CURTAINS OF THIS TERRIBLE GROUP BATTLE BETWEEN "REINCARNATORS" IS ABOUT TO BE DRAWN OPEN.